



*Williamsburg*

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 10, 2025**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

*Sonatina in A*  
(Antonio Diabelli)

Piano, 4 hands

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear these words of Jesus: “Do not be afraid, little flock,  
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”

**We come with our fears, our worries, and our hopes,  
trusting in the Shepherd’s care.**

The world floods us with bad news, but Jesus fills us with good news.

**We choose faith over fear, courage over comfort.**

We choose to be prepared, for God’s kingdom is breaking in.

**We are ready to step out of our comfort zones, ready to serve,  
and ready to act.**

Let us worship the one who calls us to trust and to live boldly.

**We will not be afraid! We will be prepared! We will worship the Lord! Amen**

\* HYMN

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

715 (red book)

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, you are our Shepherd and our strength, the one who carries us when  
the path is steep. You tell us, “Do not be afraid,” yet fear often floods  
our hearts. Today, we choose to trust you. We choose to make space for faith  
over fear, hope over despair, and action over hesitation. Forgive us for the  
times we have lingered in our own comfort when you were calling us to step  
into the deep waters of courage. Give us boldness to speak your name with joy,  
compassion to serve those who are hurting, and readiness to follow wherever  
your Spirit leads. We thank you that your kingdom is already ours—as near as  
the breath in our lungs, and as real as the love in our hearts. Help us to live as  
though it is here now. In Jesus Christ’s name we pray, Amen**

ANTHEM

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
(arr. David Harrington)

DeciBelles

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 31:1-6 (186 OT)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT OF TEACHING

We welcome children of all ages to participate in Worship in the Fellowship Hall. At 11:00 a.m.,  
Grades K-5 are invited to Children’s Worship in Rm. 161 to encounter God in story, song, and play. Our  
Nursery, located in Rm. 160, is open for Pre-K and younger during both services and Sunday School.

SECOND READING

Luke 12:32-40 (75 NT)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The Risk of Staying Safe”

Rev. Madison Ailinger

\* HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

405 (red book)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

895 (red book)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

*Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone*  
(arr. Chris Tomlin and Louis Giglio)

Jenn Staggs, soprano

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John Mardirosian

(11:00)

### APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the  
right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

John Mardirosian

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you  
in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew  
our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our  
prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

### \* DOXOLOGY

94 (red book)

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \* HYMN

*Guide My Feet*

2208 (black book)

### \* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*Rondo in A*  
(Antonio Diabelli)

Piano, 4 hands

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
...Jimmy & Charlotte McCarter in honor of James Holden Van Rooyen on his birthday.  
... Jan Woodward in honor of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## NEW HERE?

We're delighted to have you with us! After the service, follow the signs to our Fellowship Area for coffee, connection, and our Kids Corner. We'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We're honored you chose us to worship with today!

## WAYS TO GIVE

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give..." 2 Corinthians 9:7*



### TEXT TO GIVE

TEXT YOUR GIFT TO 757-992-9862. You do not need an account to give; simply text your gift amount in any format (\$10, 10, 10.00). Receipts are sent via email.



### CASH/CHECK

Donations can be made via our collection plate on Sundays, mail, or the church office Mon - Fri. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and makes a real difference in the lives of those we serve!



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### GIVE VIA OUR APP

Scan the QR Code to download for Android and iPhone

### Giving Makes an Impact

Your generosity changes lives and empowers ministries. Visit our Resources page at [williamsburgumc.org/articles](http://williamsburgumc.org/articles) to read inspiring stories about the difference your giving makes in our community and beyond.

## LIGHTING THE WAY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

THIS WEEK 170 Commitments

Committed - \$1,272,087

Unpledged contributions - \$116,600

Total committed & unpledged - \$1,388,687



### CREATION CARE TEAM

Most shoes are not biodegradable. Let's keep them out of landfills. Below lists drop off locations:

**Running shoes/sneakers: Colonial Sports** 1303 Jamestown Rd., #111, (757) 253-0277

**Crocs: Crocs of Williamsburg** 5699-34 Richmond Rd., (757) 932-5902

**Shoes: PUMA** 5645 Richmond Rd., Space H110, (757) 253-7999 who will give them to Souls4Souls [//soles4souls.org/](http://soles4souls.org/)

# THIS WEEK AT WUMC

## THE TABLE – Sunday Night Service

**August 10 @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall**

The Table, our Sunday evening worship experience, provides dinner each week! Join us for a warm meal, conversation, music, and a welcoming worship environment.

## ELEVATE YOUR FITNESS

**August 11 and 13 @ 9:30am in the Atrium**

Come experience sessions crafted with care, featuring heart-boosting chair aerobics, muscle-strengthening light weight training, and equilibrium-enhancing balance exercises.

Visit our Classes page [www.williamsburgumc.org/classes](http://www.williamsburgumc.org/classes) for more info.



## MESSY CHURCH

**August 12 @ 5:30pm WUMC**

Join us for August's Messy Church where the theme will be "The Garden of Blessing" — a joyful celebration of God's love growing in our hearts! It's completely FREE and open to all kids in our community — bring a friend and come ready to grow, play, and be blessed! There will be crafts, music & movement, free meal, worship skit, playtime fun, faith & friendship. Let's dig deep and grow together in God's love!

## FAMILY FRIDAY

**August 15 @ 6:00pm WUMC**

**Cost: \$5.00**

We'll provide pizza and movie theater popcorn

**Contact:** Zach Griggs (757) 229-1771



## GET TO KNOW YOU GATHERINGS

Our new Lead Pastor, Rev. Brian Johnson, wants a chance to get to know YOU by hearing from you about yourself and our church. Register now at [tinyurl.com/wumc-get-to-know](http://tinyurl.com/wumc-get-to-know). Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or (757) 229-1771 if you need help.

# YOUTH

## RENEW YOUTH: EXTREME SCAVENGER HUNT

**August 17 @ 12:30 Meet in Youth Room**

For our last event of the Summer, we'll disperse in Colonial Williamsburg for a scavenger hunt. Use the clues and your smartphone to hunt for waypoints, hidden boxes, and surprises around the CW. There will be prizes for the winning team, as well as each competitor. Use your skills to track down a great end to the Summer!



# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**CARE COMMITTEE** Provides rides to your doctor and aide when you are ill. For August, please contact Karen Red (757) 532-6893 and Nathalie Bacskey (757) 604-7279 at least 2 days in advance to arrange for assistance.

**LOCAL OUTREACH SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS** Thank you for the generous response to our Summer Meals for Kids food collection. We will continue to collect juice boxes, no sugar added fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola bars, cheese cracker packs, snack-sized cookies, crackers, chips, pretzels, Rice Krispy treats, and Zip-loc sandwich bags. Please place items in the WUMC collection closet labeled Summer Meals for Kids. Checks made out to WUMC/memo Summer Meals for Kids are appreciated. Needed: Cookie bakers in August. Thanks!

## NOW HIRING

**ECMS** is seeking a talented, enthusiastic, and nurturing Early Childhood Music Teacher to join our team on a part-time, contract basis. The ideal candidate will have a strong musical background, experience working with young children, and a passion for creative, play-based learning. Classes typically involve singing, movement, rhythm games, and use of simple instruments in a group setting with children and their caregivers. Click the button for more information and for instructions on how to apply.



The **Wesley Foundation** is looking for a highly organized and motivated **Office Manager** to support its campus ministry at William & Mary. This part-time (20 hours/week) role plays a key part in keeping the Wesley House running smoothly and efficiently. Send a cover letter, resume and two references to the Wesley Board Personnel Committee: [johndunning@cox.net](mailto:johndunning@cox.net)

## BACK-to-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

All the apples are gone but you are welcome to bring whatever supplies they want and we will donate them to schools. The following supply list includes: **#2 Pencils, Ball Point Pens, Highlighters, Composition Books, 2-inch Three Ring Binders, Notebook Paper, 8-Tab Dividers, Folders with Brads.** **Please deliver to church by August 11.** Questions? Contact Deacon Troy at [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH SWEATER DRIVE

Now through September 30, **Heritage Circle** will collect children, youth and adult new or gently used sweaters, hoodies or fleeces for people in our community. Place items in the Collection Closet marked *Sweater Drive*. Items will be donated to FISH.

## RESPIRE CARE GARDEN PARTY

**September 12, 12:30pm**

Join us for a fun afternoon featuring a gourmet lunch, live music, and a raffle packed with exciting prizes—all to support the vital work of our Respite Care Program. Lunch tickets are limited, so early reservations are encouraged. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance or at the event, and you do not need to be present to win. Use this link [tinyurl.com/respitegp2025](https://tinyurl.com/respitegp2025) to buy tickets online OR pick up a registration form.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS

### DID YOU KNOW

You don't have to be a member of an Adult Sunday School Class to take part in a study being offered in an Adult Sunday School Class? Of course, you are always welcome to become a regular in a class — and it is encouraged, but it is not required. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org)

### HANDS-ON MISSIONS?

Are you one that likes to get your hands dirty? Do you have some basic fixer-upper skills or even experience in construction? If you answered yes to at least one of these and would be interested in helping to form a team(s) that could do such work in the community -- or even go on a mission trip -- fill out this form [tinyurl.com/wumc-hands](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-hands) or contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org).

### DIGITAL MINIMALISM BOOK STUDY - on Zoom

**6:30-8:00pm on August 14 & 28**

Join in this summer adult book study for families with Children and Youth. Zach Griggs will lead an exploration of author Cal Newport's philosophy of Digital Minimalism to intentionally choose technologies that enrich our lives and relationships and happily release those that do not. While this book does not discuss the implications of technology's influence on our faith, we will discuss how our Christian discipleship calls us to be intentional with our time, choose life-giving connections, and live into healthy rhythms of rest as individuals and families. Our time together will include discussion on helping our kids set boundaries with technology, healthy relationships in person and online, and how to prioritize what is most important among a sea of possible choices. Visit the link to register and order your book: [//tinyurl.com/fam-min-study](https://tinyurl.com/fam-min-study)

### RSVP



### BUILDING YOUR LEGACY

**August 21 at 2:00 pm WUMC Fellowship Hall**

The Senior Transitions Panel has scheduled a presentation "Building Your Legacy". This is a free panel discussion on financial planning for retirement, elder law attorney (trusts & wills), downsizing, selling your home, advanced care planning, dementia care and end of life care. It's open to any age; especially for those caring for aging parents, planning retirement, or those planning a transition into senior living.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

**Thursdays 7:00pm**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals begin August 21 at 7:00pm – Location TBA!!!! All are welcome! For more information, contact Lou-Anne Smith, Director of Music and Worship Arts at [lsmith@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:lsmith@williamsburgumc.org)

## SIGN UP TO:

- Be an Acolyte at 8:15 or 11:00am services – [tinyurl.com/wumc-acolytes](https://tinyurl.com/wumc-acolytes)

## WE BELIEVE: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith

6 Mondays starting September 15, 7:00-8:30pm via Zoom



Would you believe the Nicene Creed is 1,700 years old as of 2025? We invite you to celebrate with Rev. David Hindman, by exploring how the Nicene Creed could transform your spiritual journey. Together you'll work through the ancient creed, unpacking the essence of it to enrich your faith and deepen your understanding of Christian beliefs. Register NOW at [www.tinyurl.com/wumc-nicene](https://www.tinyurl.com/wumc-nicene). Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Sims [tsims@williamsburgumc.org](mailto:tsims@williamsburgumc.org) or (757) 229-1771.

## EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES



### **MEN'S MINISTRY** [williamsburgumc.org/adults/men](https://williamsburgumc.org/adults/men)

United Methodist Men is a fellowship committed to the growth and expansion of the church's mission. Our Purpose is to provide a supportive fellowship for men seeking to know Jesus Christ, grow spiritually, and help others find a welcoming place for Christ in their hearts and lives.



### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY** [williamsburgumc.org/women](https://williamsburgumc.org/women)

We are a community for women who find deep meaning in relationship to God and each other. We understand that life is often packed full of activities and obligations — from juggling jobs to taking care of family. That's why we offer a space that combines study with meaningful fellowship and outreach opportunities.





## **YOUTH MINISTRIES** [williamsburgumc.org/youth](http://williamsburgumc.org/youth)

As students grow and mature, we believe faith should grow and deepen with them. Our WUMC ReNEW Youth Group is designed to offer holistic faith formation for students in 6th- 12th grade. We study the Bible, learn spiritual practices, and respond through creative expression and intentional mission.



## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES** [williamsburgumc.org/children](http://williamsburgumc.org/children)

We offer faith formation to our youngest disciples through Sunday Nursery, Godly Play Sunday School, Children's Worship, monthly Messy Church, and monthly events for fun and fellowship. We also offer music programs, a vibrant preschool and music school and welcome Cub scouts through our doors each week.



## **LOCAL OUTREACH** [williamsburgumc.org/local-outreach](http://williamsburgumc.org/local-outreach)

Our Local Outreach committee serves as the cornerstone of our commitment to embodying Christ's love beyond our sanctuary walls. We firmly believe that faith is not merely a personal journey but a transformative force that compels us to engage with the world around us.



## **GLOBAL OUTREACH** [williamsburgumc.org/globaloutreach](http://williamsburgumc.org/globaloutreach)

Our global initiatives range from missionary sponsorships and disaster relief efforts to educational and healthcare projects. These endeavors aim not only to meet immediate needs but also to lay the groundwork for sustainable development and spiritual growth in communities around the world.



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY** [williamsburgumc.org/connect/care-](http://williamsburgumc.org/connect/care-support)

support is a specialized ministry in our congregation that trains and empowers lay members to provide one-on-one, confidential, Christ-centered care to individuals facing various life challenges. While our pastors will always be at the forefront of crisis care, the needs of our community often exceed what they can provide alone. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a difficult transition, or a prolonged period of stress, our Stephen Ministers are here to offer emotional and spiritual support.



## **MUSIC MINISTRIES** [williamsburgumc.org/music](http://williamsburgumc.org/music)

We eagerly experience God through diverse types of music. More than 150 adults, children, and Youth participate in our ensembles and share their musical gifts with our congregation. You'll find a wide range of opportunities tailored for all ages in our WUMC Music Ministry.



## **JOIN A CLASS OR A SMALL GROUP**

[williamsburgumc.org/classes](http://williamsburgumc.org/classes) and [williamsburgumc.org/small-groups](http://williamsburgumc.org/small-groups)  
Studies and Small Groups help us grow spiritually and relationally, reflecting Jesus' example of teaching within community. Sunday school, Bible studies, and various short or long-term studies provide opportunities to learn from Christ and each other. Small groups, intentionally limited in size, foster deeper conversations, mutual support, and accountability. Together, we journey toward understanding our lives, faith, and relationships more deeply.

# **OUR CORNERSTONE MINISTRIES**

## **RESPIRE CARE** [williamsburgumc.org/respice-care](http://williamsburgumc.org/respice-care)

This weekday afternoon ministry of Williamsburg United Methodist Church is open to all faiths and non-faiths. Our program provides time off for family members who care for dependent seniors by offering a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment where their loved ones can enjoy social activities, music, and companionship under the care of trained staff and volunteers. By supporting both seniors and their caregivers, Respite Care fosters a sense of community and ensures that no one has to navigate the caregiving journey alone.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC SCHOOL** [williamsburgumc.org/ecms](http://williamsburgumc.org/ecms)

ECMS is a weekday program offered to the community-at-large. Weekly classes in music and movement are taught by internationally certified early childhood music specialists. Through playful, engaging activities, children develop a strong foundation in rhythm, melody, and coordination while also enhancing their cognitive, social, and motor skills.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate, creating a shared musical experience that fosters deeper connections and a lifelong love for music.

## **KIDS MORNING OUT** [kidsmorningout.org](http://kidsmorningout.org)

KMO is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for children aged one to four. Our program fosters each child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and spiritual growth, while creating a support system for caregivers. Through age-appropriate activities, we aim to demonstrate God's unconditional love for all children. Our classes are divided into four age groups: Sprouts (young toddlers), Seedlings (twos), Saplings (threes), and Sycamores (fours). Each class is designed to meet the developmental needs of the children, providing a balance of structured learning and free play.

# TODAYS SERVICE LEADERS

**Worship Leaders:** Madison Ailinger, Brian Johnson, Troy Sims

**Director of Worship Arts:** Lou-Anne Smith

**Organist:** Tom Marshall

**Readers 8:15:** Russ Henke **11:00:** Dianne Colestock

**Acolyte 8:15:** Taylor Anne Mason **11:00:** Virginia Morgan

**Greeters 8:15:** Joyce Alewynse, Lois Cunningham **11:00:** Linda Logerwell, Linda Rhodes

**Ushers 8:15:** Roy Geiger, Janet Henke, Russ Henke, Chalonne Hoover, Monty Mason, Michael Johnson, Cindy Garman-Squier, Dan Squier **11:00:** Sherry Brubaker, Debbie Bruss, Gene Bruss, Nancy Donnelly, Barbara Monteith, Marty Monteith, Clark Wallace

**Sound and Livestream:** Jimmy McCarter, Todd Lindley, Josh Clayton

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<b>Aug 3</b>	<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Total 452</b>
<b>In Person 11:00am</b>		<b>195</b>
<b>In Person 8:15am</b>		<b>141</b>
<b>Virtual</b>		<b>81</b>
<b>The Table</b>		<b>35</b>

**Deadline for Bulletin Submissions:**  
**MONDAY, 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit to Nancy Reynolds  
nreynolds@williamsburgumc.org.

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Madison Ailinger, **Pastor of Congregational Care** (x114)

Mary Ellen Baker, **Finance Manager** (x106)

Ellen Bushman, **Respite Care Director** (x118)

Josh Clayton, **Digital Media Specialist** (x107)

Zach Griggs, **Family Ministries Coordinator** (x109)

Brian Johnson, **Lead Pastor** (x110)

Thomas Marshall, **Organist** (757 713-0584)

Laura Pittman, **Director Kid's Morning Out** (x113)

Nancy Reynolds, **Engagement and Administrative Coordinator** (x104)

Michelle Roy, **Director of Congregation & Community Engagement** (x103)

Ellen Simon, **Bookkeeper** (x116)

Troy Sims, **Minister of Discipleship** (x108)

Lou-Anne Smith, **Director of Worship Arts** (x105)

Rick Viancour, **Facilities Manager** (x101)

Greg Whiteside, **Director of Facilities** (x101)

Anthony Williams, **Assoc. Director Worship Arts, Director Early Childhood Music** (x115)

Ryan LaRock, **Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation** (757 201-8850)



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